



The Last Dispensation

By John Blake

Mark 13:8: For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

We find in this day as we travel in various places throughout the country we see different signs marking the coming of the Lord, such as earthquakes as the old prophet prophesied of in those days and the great famine as we might recall that has spread out in the land today. People drifting away from the Lord farther each day. The world is getting more wicked every day. What shall the world come to? The children are getting wiser than parents in this day. Then why aren't we living in that last dispensation? Matt. 24:8, "All these are the beginning of sorrows." Even some in the Church are getting colder every day, farther away from God. You say how do we know? Well, you used to go to church about 8:00 P. M. in evenings, sing awhile, pray two or three times then the preacher would talk about one hour or longer and give an altar call. People fell in the altar and prayed thru to old-time salvation. Maybe it would be 12:00 P. M. or 1:00 A. M. before church would break. But if service is held longer than one

hour and a half now the people will get up and go home. Then another reason why the people are getting cold is because they don't pray like they used to do. No converts today. Why? Because the church will not pray with them. People go to the altar, pray about five minutes, get up, then gather in little groups all over the church and talk about what so and so did today. What will God say about this kind of a Christian when He calls the roll? "Depart from me for I never knew you." Are you one of this kind? If we could get the church where it was at Pentecost we would move the world. Why don't we get there? We are not praying to that end, hence the Lord is coming to catch us in this condition if we don't wake up.

We saw in the Evangel of the week of August 7, 1931 of what is happening today. Up in Canada not so far away from here it has rained muds, soiled peoples' clothing. There were signs in the sky, pointing to the Son of Man coming. We had better be praying for we don't know when He is going to call us. Practically every sign that was prophesied of has come to pass except the Antichrist coming out so bold on the white horse and people taking the mark of the beast. But it is my opinion this is to come to pass during the tribu-

lation. But Jesus is liable to come any moment. Dad used to say that he was begging the Father to put His coming off awhile longer that you or I might be SAVED. In the ten commandments it says, Honor thy father and mother that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. But in this day the parents are honoring their children instead.

The only sign that has not showed up is the Antichrist, who shall come and trouble this world but will turn false in trying to prove this nation. After all these signs then we say we are not living in the last dispensation. What will we do then for our God? Mark 13:33, "Take heed, watch and pray for ye know not when the time is." Mark 13:35, "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning." Will you be ready for His coming? Well, if you are not ready hell will be your doom. You will be like the five virgins who did not have oil in their vessels for when they knocked at the door He said, "Depart for I know you not." Then that will be sad to go down there with the devil and his angels. There will be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. That will be a sad place to go. Hell is our doom if we do not mend our ways.

There is the Paradise of God we read about in the Bible, spoken of as the foursquare city of God which has streets of gold and the
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NOTICES

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS DRIVE

More churches over the top: Sunny South, Ala.; Eldorado, Ill.; Corbin, Ky.; Nancy, Ky.; Plaza, N. Dak.; Patsonville, Ohio; Chilli-cothe, Ohio; Earls Grove, Tenn.; Bon Air, Tenn.; Schoolfield, Va.; Alexandria, Va.; Deerfield, Va.; Princeton, W. Va.; Kelleysville, W. Va.; Hiawatha, W. Va.; Switzer, W. Va.; Sheridan, Wyo.

We have Brother O. W. Thomas, with us in a revival at Kelleysville, W. Va. and Brother Arlie Whitlow at Hiawatha, W. Va. in a revival, and Sister Sallie O. Lee and her co-worker, Sister Carmenitta Best, at Bluefield, W. Va. We appreciated having our Editor and Publisher, Brother E. C. Clark, and the Superintendent of Bible School, Bro. J. H. Walker, and the B. T. S. Quartet with us on June 4. This service will long be remembered in Princeton. We are expecting Bro. Walker and the Quartet back soon in a three weeks' revival at Princeton and are beginning now to plan for this great feast. We want to get a tent, and especially request you to join us in prayer that the Lord will continue to bless and save souls in the Princeton district. — Your brother, R. C. Cook, district pastor.

To all the churches in this district: The Sunday School convention will convene in the Carter county courthouse the first Sunday in July. We are expecting a feast with the Lord. Come and be with us and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.—Bertha Woods, clerk, Church of God, Elizabethton, Tenn.

There will be a Sunday School convention at the Church of God at Pate Town, N. C. in the Rocky Mt. district. We are expecting our district pastor and probably our state overseer. There will be programs by the different churches, and dinner on the ground. We hope to be in the midst of watermelon season with plenty of good eats, but above all we expect to get our souls filled with good things so they can delight in fatness. Come one and all, to Pate Town where

you will find a welcome by these good people. Everybody is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.—D. H. Delk, pastor.

If any one knows of the whereabouts of Brother and Sister S. T. Ducksworth, please let me know as I would like to get in touch with them.—A sister, Gertrude Tomlinson, Jasper, Fla.

CORRECTION: In my notice in the Evangel of June 9 it stated that the pastor's address at Shelburn was Curtis Hughes, 1717 Wabash Ave. Brother Hughes is pastor at Fort Wayne and not Shelburn.—Harry Cutts, Shelburn, Ind.

The Church of God at Eastman, Ga., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister E. D. Hall by the first Sunday in July.—Melton Jones, secretary and treasurer, Eastman, Ga., 117 Park St.

The Weatherford district Sunday School convention will convene at Weatherford, Tex., July 8, 1934. Everybody is invited to attend.—R. E. Blackwood, district overseer, 106 Hanover St., Weatherford, Tex.

The Pine Grove camp meeting will convene at Pine Grove, July 7-15. Everybody is invited. Come and bring your tents and camping outfit and enjoy a great feast in the Lord. Brother Earl Paulk will be in charge. We will make everything as convenient as we can for you so come and enjoy yourself.—Y. E. McNear, pastor, Odum, Ga.

The Church of God at Kelleys Ferry will have a home coming the fourth Sunday in July. Everyone is invited to come and bring a full basket.—F. H. Irevin, pastor, Jasper, Tenn.

The Church of God at Logan, W. Va., will have a home coming the first Sunday in July. Every member is requested to be present, and all who have not paid their 40c please do so on that day as we want to raise our quota then. Every one come and bring a well-filled basket.—A. L. Jenkins, pastor.

The Church of God at Soddy, Tenn., would like for the following members to report to the clerk before the next conference July 7:

Sallie Hale, Myrtle Patterson, Elsie Hickman, Laura Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Herd Dent, Bonnie Sisson, Mrs. Stella Irons, Allie Evans, Clara Solomon, J. B. Cagle. If not heard from by then they will be excluded from our record.—Paul Johnson, clerk.

REQUESTS

I praise God for the Church of God at Shannon, Ga. I praise Him for salvation and for the revival that is now going on here. The revival began Sunday. Seven have been saved and sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The altar is full of seekers every day and night. Brothers W. H. Black and Dewey Adams have charge of the meeting. They are asking God for one hundred souls at this place. We ask everyone to pray that God will save the people here and grant their request.—A sister, Mrs. C. S. Richardson.

I have been preaching eleven nights. Four have received the Holy Ghost and five baptized in water. We ask the saints to pray for the powers of the enemy are great here. I have very little help. The crowd is increasing every night. Pray for me.—Your brother, Clarence Johnson, 418 Clifton, Jackson Miss.

Dear Evangel readers: Please pray for me. I desire to go to Bible School but unless the Lord provides it will be impossible for me to attend. I know the Lord can help me. My whole heart's desire is to be in the service of the Lord and to do His will. Please pray earnestly for me that I may get help.—Your brother in Christ, Herman P. Davis, R. F. D. 4, Osyka, Miss.

Dear children of God everywhere, we ask that each one of you please help us pray that the dear Lord will be merciful and undertake for our son. He has a family of little children and the doctor says he has the dropsy. He is unsaved and is not ready to meet the Lord. O saints, please earnestly pray that the Lord will undertake and His will be done and that he will know that there is a real Christ that can heal our bodies and save our sinsick souls. Also pray for me. Pray for our family that the dear Lord will undertake for

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EDITORIAL STAFF: R. P. JOHNSON, T. S. PAYNE, PAUL H. WALKER, E. W. WILLIAMS, S. J. WOOD

"Brain Trusters" are brain teasers. What we need is praying men, who have an influence with and are "God-trusters."

PRAYER IN THE HOME

What has become of that old-fashioned prayer meeting and family altar that used to be in your home? It is time to reconsecrate, and call your children around you, ask their forgiveness for your unfaithfulness to them, and lead them in prayer that they may take hold of "the shield of faith" to protect them in these dark days.

REVIVAL IN RUSSIA

D. M. Panton, writing in the Dawn, states that according to a Hungarian newspaper, the Pester Lloyd, which is the organ of the Hungarian Foreign Office, there remains 70 of Moscow's 1,300 churches still open today. He further states that "in all corners of the great Russian Empire sects are rising up which strive to reawaken to new life the old, popular, Russian form of faith, with a new generation of priests who have received their consecration in the stillness of the forests, in the solitude of the Steppe, from frail old hermits, persecuted bishops, who have sunk to the status of beggars. A wave of unbounded religious enthusiasm is sweeping over the country and is carrying with it thousands of the young intellectuals and technical students, in the bosoms of a new, virile, humane and joyous Russian Christianity."

IRON AND CLAY

It seems that we are fast pass-

ing out of the stage of "iron and clay" when nations and individuals have not been able to cleave "one to another" during the governments of kings, as well as under forms of republican and democratic governments, and that we are now entering a stage of universal dictatorship, when it is not necessary to cleave, but "to bow the knee." Religious liberty as well as individual liberty is becoming a thing of the past in many European countries. Through the insistence of press and radio regulation in the United States, we may also expect more difficult times ahead concerning the exercise of ministerial rights as well as personal opinion and liberty.

PALESTINE

It is nothing to wonder about as to why Antichrist will set his eye upon Palestine as mentioned in the scriptures. In his effort to cause prosperity Palestine will be a particular kind of mint. The Jews of the country are said to control 65 per cent of money and most of the international as well as state and national banks. Palestine is becoming the depository of the world's golden millions. It may well be accounted as the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. New industries continue to spring up there nightly. According to Clarence H. Benson, writing in the Moody Monthly, "During the second half of 1933, 133 factories were erected for metal-working, building materials, foodstuffs, clothing, textiles, wood-working, chemical products, and so on. Further, fifty industrial establish-

ments are in process of formation, involving a capital of nearly fifty pounds."***The total investment of Jewish capital during the year 1933 is reckoned at \$26,250,000." "During 1933 some 2,500 immigrants alone brought into the country \$12,500,000. The imports for the year 1933-1934 will likely total \$50,000,000 or more." According to Jewish Missionary Magazine there are today 120 Jewish settlements in Palestine and at least 27,000 Jews are engaged in agricultural work. "In October of 1933, 225,000 Jews constituted about one-fifth of the total population of 1,150,000. There are 24,000 Jewish children in the schools of Palestine.

ORANGE PRODUCTION

"In the winter of 1933 over 5,000,000 boxes of oranges and grapefruit were exported." This is expected to be augmented to 20,000,000 boxes annually within ten years.

CRIME

Current reports show that the United States is spending about \$13,000,000 annually in an effort to stamp out crime. If that amount was turned over to missions, for the purpose of evangelizing foreign and rural districts, crime would be greatly and permanently reduced. Crime proceeds from the heart. Mk. 7:20-23. According to the New York Herald-Tribune, suicides have increased fivefold. In 1929 there were 16,000; in 1931 there were 20,000; in 1932 there were 22,000; and in 1933 over 25,000.

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I WILL

T. C. FRANKLIN

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I WILL ascend into heaven, I WILL exalt my throne above the stars of God: I WILL sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I WILL ascend above the heights of the clouds; I WILL be like the most High," Isa. 14:12-14.

Without a will power we are a complete failure. Regardless of what our task might be, whether great or small, we must have a will power or we will never get it done. Here we see Satan's will power. He was not satisfied with his position. Though he had a possession, he became dissatisfied with it since it was not as high a position as he thought it should be. Here we see where the spirit of self-exaltation originated from. It is evident that Satan and his host one time possessed the land wherein we now dwell since God gave the same command to Adam that He gave to Noah, "Multiply and replenish the earth." To replenish means to fill up again, signifying that it had been filled before. In Jude 6 we read, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day," Jude 6. An habitation is a place of abode or a dwelling place, and it must have been underneath the heavens since Satan said, "I will ascend into heaven." Ascend means to go upward. His will power being directed in the wrong way caused him a great loss. If we will set our aim, our desire, our determination, our ambition, and our will power for God and right, we are bound to win or succeed, but if it is against God it will be brought to naught. Oh, that we could get the world to see the danger in the course they are pursuing. If we could only think of words that would cause them to turn their I WILL from sin to salvation, what a wonderful world we would have to live in.

Lucifer had his I WILL aimed at God's throne but oh how far he

missed the mark. We all very well know he didn't only want to go into heaven to change his habitation but his dominion. He did not want to be under God's government (like many today). He of course liked government providing he was the governor. Lots of people today say they don't believe in government. Well, I guess they don't since they can't be governor, but if it were suggested that they be governor, they could preach government just as big as any one, so Satan was seeking to be the governor. He had a dominion or throne, for, said he, "I WILL exalt my throne above the stars of God." Now this didn't mean the stars that we see strewn across the sky, for the Hebrew word is "kokab" and means "a prince," then we would read, "I will exalt my throne above the princes (or angels) of God." He desired to be ruler of all the angels of God, wanted them to be subject to him. Not only this, but he said, "I WILL sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north." The Hebrew for mount is "har," meaning a mountain or range of hills, promotion, hence the promotion is what he was after. The Hebrew for "congregation" is "mowadah," and implies an assembly, as convened for a definite purpose. Then he desired to be over the assembly when deciding what should be done in the future. The Hebrew for sides is "yerekah" meaning rear, recess or border; for north it is "tsaphon" that is, hidden, dark, gloomy and unknown. Then we would read that he would be promoted to sit or preside over the assembly and also on the border of the unknown. "I WILL ascend above the heights of the clouds." This spirit predominates with a good many people today; they want to be above the average class and be looked up to. Then "I WILL be like the most high." He even wanted God's place. "Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall," Prov. 16:18.

Now we will go to Ezek. 28: 14, 15, 17. "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."***Thine

heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee." Lucifer got pride in his heart and it brought destruction. He began looking at himself, what a beautiful fellow he was, and since he was so pretty he decided he needed to be higher in rank, so by his great "I WILL" he lost what he had already. The Bible teaches that everyone abide in the calling wherein they are called and if we get out of our own place to try to get the place of someone else just a little higher we will descend instead of ascend. "By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee. O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire."*** I will cast thee to the ground, I WILL lay thee before kings that they may behold thee." Ezek. 28: 16, 17. "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell to the sides of the pit". Isa. 14:15.

Since he lost his first estate he hath said, "I WILL work against God, I WILL make man sin," etc. When an altar call is given he says "I WILL keep people from responding." Some, however, overpower him in this and make their way to the altar of prayer. But he says, "I WILL make them bashful and ashamed so they will not pray." But some outdo him here. Then, in regard to those that will pray he says, "I WILL keep them from believing." With some he succeeds, but, thank God, there are a few that come repenting, confessing and forsaking, looking up to God saying, "I WILL believe." Then those who will come to Him with an open heart in answer to the call, "Come, unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I WILL give you rest" (Matt. 11:28), and with faith to believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, it is then said concerning them. "Him that cometh to me I WILL in no wise cast out," Jno. 6:37. "Then, therefore, being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," Rom. 5:1.

A leper comes to Jesus (lepro-

sy is a type of sin), saying, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Jesus said, "I WILL, be thou clean." Sanctification is a cleansing process. We read that "this is the will of God, even your sanctification." That is not all but He said, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I WILL not leave you comfortless: I WILL come to you." Jno. 14:16, 17, 18. We read that God giveth the Holy Ghost to them that obey him. Acts 5:32. The Holy Ghost is a good gift and God hath said, "No good thing WILL I withhold from them that walk uprightly," Ps. 84: 11b. Not only so but he also says that He will come and heal us and the prayers of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise them up.

I can see a man who is filled with the Holy Ghost and hear him say, "I am afraid to say I WILL not take medicine," but that same man will tell you he would not sin. Divine healing is in the atonement, "by His stripes we are healed." I can see Jesus now as they striped Him for our healing, then again as we see the stripes, each stripe seems to say, "Healing, Hallelujah." If we can only get to the place in God that we can trust Him and say, I WILL! Job said, "Though he slay me, yet WILL I trust in Him." Job 13:15. God will be with us even unto the dying hour, for He said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28:20. Even though we die, putting our trust in God, we know we have a home in glory. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also," Jno. 14: 2, 3.

In conclusion I wonder, if I could hear the voice of all who read this, how many would say I WILL be saved, I WILL be sanctified, I WILL have the Holy Ghost, I WILL trust God for the healing of my body, I WILL be a member of the Church of God, I WILL follow Jesus wheresoever He leadeth me. Come on, folks, let's

say it all together, "I WILL." Keep the will-power and over the top

we'll go for God, for holiness, and His Church and Kingdom. Amen.

Past, Present and Future

There are agencies working to form a church big enough and broad enough to take in all the branches of Christianity and all of the religions of the world. The Federal Council of Churches, The Interchurch World Movement, The Fellowship of Faiths, and various parliaments and congresses of religious leaders all press toward the goal of "a universal brotherhood in religion."

There is only one type of people whom it is not desired to include in the proposed consolidation of Christianity and world religions. "There is one type of people we do not desire to yoke up with this movement—those who have NOTHING TO DO BUT TO SAVE SOULS." This statement was made by a speaker before the Interchurch World Movement Convention at Atlantic City in November, 1919.

It is plain that the coming "universal brotherhood" is not to be a brotherhood of twice born men. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. Whatever then the claims or accomplishments of the movement, it is plainly NOT WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD OR HIS CHURCH.

The Chicago American, March 11, 1919, says, "The Union of all Protestant churches of every town and city in the United States as a basis of a great world union of ALL the churches, was demanded today before the representatives of the Interchurch Movement of North America." It was further declared, "A world league of churches is to be the result of the war. The day is at hand for a tremendous new movement; nothing can stop it. It is the greatest religious movement in four centuries."

An Interchurch leader recently said, "The army of Christ will never move forward to complete triumph until it unites its battalions UNDER A SINGLE SUPREME HEAD."

A. Sims remarks, "The federa-

tion of nations so desirable from the human standpoint, is evidently to be the condition of things when the great WORLD RULER, the Antichrist, comes; and the federation of all the evangelical churches so APPARENTLY approaching the oneness for which our Lord prayed is but preparing the Church TO BE DECEIVED by the Antichrist."

Representatives of "The World Conference of Faith and Order, addressed a letter to the Pope on the subject of Christian Union. In reply they were in part told, "Thanking you, then, that you have thought well to request the aid and support of the Roman Pontiff in expediting your work and project. His Holiness expresses his earnest desire that the end may answer your expectation. He knows that he himself IS THE ONE to whom all men have been given over to be fed, and is THE SOURCE AND CAUSE OF UNITY in the church." At a later date 'His Holiness' made another utterance, in it also expressing the earnest desire that the erring Protestant children should come home to 'NOTHER ROME.'

Bishops of several Protestant groups have expressed themselves as prepared to accept union with the Roman church in the interests of a united world church.

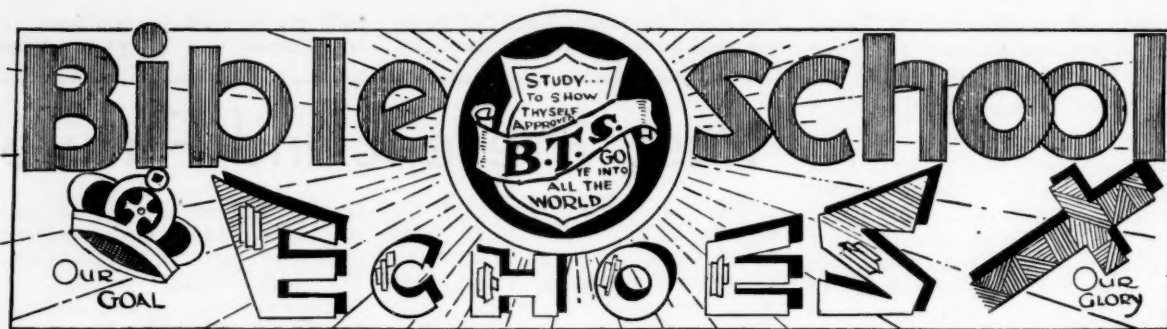
"If we could have a Modernist Pope, we should all be in the Roman Catholic Church tomorrow." —R. J. Campbell.

"I am looking for a united Catholic church throughout the world." —Bishop of London.

"If the Pope is prepared to lead the way, no ecclesiastical or theological difference however important, should be allowed to prevent Protestants from joining him." —J. Scott Lidget.

Mr. A. Sims asks, "Because of the Roman system the Protestant church came out under protest: is she now to go back and actually find a roosting place with the 'mother of harlots'?"

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Some Facts Concerning B. T. S.

To prospective students and people who are interested in the Church of God Bible School: I can think of no better place to advertise or set forth the merits and outstanding features of this school than in Bible School Echoes.

The sole aim and purpose of the school is to prepare people for the work of Jesus Christ, both in a spiritual and in an educational way.

Each year since its establishment the school has grown by leaps and bounds until it has become necessary to enlarge and add class rooms to accommodate students studying the various courses taught.

There are three fields of study offered. The study of the Bible, which is very extensive, is one. A study of music designed for religious worship is another. And a high school course is given for those who have not graduated from high school or who have never attended one. All three of these are grafted into the one purpose, that of doing work for the Master.

For more complete information concerning financial costs and a thorough description of courses given, write to Brother J. H. Walker, Superintendent of Education, Cleveland, Tennessee.—A former student intending to return, Ralph Williams, 912 Augusta St., Lakeland, Fla.

MISSIONARY MESSAGE

One great purpose of missionary effort is to hasten the return of the Lord. Matt. 24:14, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then the end shall come."

During this age He is visiting the Gentiles to gather together for His bride. None will know until that number is complete; but we do know that it will consist of persons "out of every kindred, tongue, and people, and nation," Rev. 5:9.

Matt. 28:20, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Missionaries have been preaching in foreign fields for years. But all we need to do is read Acts 2:4 to see that Matt. 28:20 has not been preached as He has commanded, therefore, our work has just begun. The Church has its orders to take the Pentecostal message to every nation. In spite of difficulties the work must be done. It is only on this condition that His presence is with us. Are we wrong in stating that as the Church fulfills the great commission, in that proportion it will have the presence of Christ? As the Church walks in obedience to His will we can expect Him to work definitely among His people with signs following. (Jesus the same, yesterday, today, and forever.)

Satan tried mightily to keep Jesus from going to the cross; so, will he hinder the Church from obeying Jesus' command. It is a cross sometimes to give to missions. Various temptations arise such as, it is no use, our little won't count, we can't spare more just now, or, someone else will give who is more able than we.

It is often a cross to pray through for missionaries and for the salvation of the heathen. Satan uses many devices to hinder; but, nevertheless, we must pray. Luke 10:2, "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the

harvest, that he would send labourers into His harvest." When we pray for missions until the Spirit Himself makes intercession, it will no longer be a cross. God Himself will provide a way to send labourers into His harvest.

There are multitudes who are awaiting the servants of the Lord who will bring the message of peace and forgiveness. Rom. 10:14, 15, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" It takes a vision of the cross to pray, send, give, or go.

"Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest. Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest," John 4:35. "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son, but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame," Prov. 10:5.

As His Church we have the responsibility of carrying the gospel, not only to every nation but to every tribe and people as well. In this way and this way only can we hasten His coming when He will be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords.—Pearl H. Barden, Mission Student, B. T. S. '33, '34, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

LABORING FOR THE LORD

No Penitence Beyond the Grave

Text: Ecc. 9:10, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might; for there is no work, nor device (skill), nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

Remember Jesus our example and the words spoken by Him in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: The night cometh, when no

man can work." The fields are white to harvest; there is a shortage of true, humble, consecrated laborers. Lo! the fields are white. In Matt. 9: 37, 38 Jesus told His disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers "for the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers few."

Many today are fearful, as the slothful servant in Matt. 25:25, 26. "I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth; lo, there thou hast that is thine. Thou wicked and slothful (lazy) servant." Many servants are like this. Prov. 26:13, "The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets." The man in Pilgrim's Progress saw a lion in the way too, but when he drew near the lion it was chained. Why should we fear to do God's bidding when He said in Heb. 13:5, 6, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Why fear God as an austere man when using our talents for His glory, to the best of our knowledge and ability? Tho' small they may be, He is our help, a strong fortress, One on whom we can rely.

Our church today needs zealous workers (Gal. 4:15), zealous for God, not working to be seen of men but laboring for God's glory. Paul says it is good to be zealously affected in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you. Matt. 23:5 tells us the scribes and Pharisees did all their works to be seen of men. I wonder if some of their ancestors aren't remaining. Some are engaged in the ministry to make a name; others to secure money and applause. Many of our pulpits today are used to pile the flatterings of the world upon. The cross of Jesus Christ is being used to hang garlands for their own glory, and God is displeased with such as this. Our workers should never desire the praise of men, but stand for the truth and right and give God the praise.

Are we willing as workmen to be called fools for Christ's sake? It is said of the French soldiers under Napoleon I, "They were willing to be ditched and trampled underfoot as long as their master rode on in triumph." Are we as these soldiers, willing to endure hardness as a good soldier to see our Master in

triumph? If we do as 2 Tim. 4:5 tells us, we have more sufferings than banquets, but as Isa. 49:4 says, we can say also, "I have labored in vain,***yet surely my judgment is with the Lord." Others may judge you but God is the true Judge, and my reward and your reward is with our God. Isa. 62:11, "Behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him." Let us keep the city and our reward in view and press on. Let's not weary in well doing for we'll reap if we faint not. Let us buckle the armor of God a little tighter and draw nigh to the cross. Can you hear Paul as he speaks from 1 Cor. 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord?"—Dorothy Diffenderfer, 1822-7th Ave., Juniata, Pa.

REQUESTS

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us.—Yours for the Lord and His Word, Mary Belcher, Atoka, Okla. Rt. 2.

I am requesting that the saints of God everywhere pray a special prayer for my little baby that the Lord will heal her. — Mrs. Eula Reno, Kimberly, Ala.

Dear saints, please pray for the little church here at Suches, Ga. I read of so many preachers wanting places to work. If you are looking for work come over here for there is plenty to do here. If any good preacher wants to come let us hear from you. We are poor here but we will see that you don't starve. We never have a pastor here. Pray that the Lord will send us help.—Your brother in Christ, C. C. Harkins, Suches, Ga.

I want all the saints to pray that I will be drawn closer to the Lord. I especially ask the Church of God to help me pray till victory comes as I am having some dark days to go through. I know God is able to give victory. Pray for my boys that they will be saved before it is too late. Also pray for my brother who has heart dropsy. He has been sick three years. Pray that God will heal him if it is His will and if not, pray that he will hold out faithful to the end. Saints, please pray till victory comes. Pray that I'll get to

attend the Assembly this year.—A sister, Mrs. Z. V. King, Rt. 1, Box 222, Kannapolis, N. C.

Please pray for the revival which started June 17. We expect an old-fashioned meeting and ask all of our members to attend. Every one else is invited. If you can't attend, pray for us. Pastor in charge. —J. A. Hipps, Cairo, Ga.

Dear readers, pray that God will give us an old time revival at Aaron, Ga. God is blessing and the saints are having a sweet spiritual meeting but no souls are being saved so please pray much for God to bless the sinners. Pray for Sister Bessie Faircloth to be healed of fits.—Hattie Crews, clerk, Summit, Ga.

I am trusting God to completely heal me and I ask the saints everywhere to please continue to pray for me. I praise Him for touching my body. I am better. I have a friend who is suffering with asthma and want the saints to pray for her to be healed.—J. C. Myers, Yadkinville, N. C.

Please pray a special prayer for us to have a real revival at Nashville. We need more of God's love and help to stir this town for Him. I praise God for touching my body on the fourth Sunday in May when I was deathly sick. I have been very sick this year and I want you to pray for me to stand true. Pray for my health, also pray for my husband and children. My children are unsaved but my husband is trying to live true to Jesus.—A child of God, Mrs. A. B. Lane, Rt. 1, Nashville, Ga.

Saints, pray a fervent prayer that God will give us a revival in Cambridge, Md. If there ever was a

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FANS! FANS!

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SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark.—We have had victory in our eight night's meeting conducted by the writer which closed March 6th. One was saved and sanctified. There used to be a Church of God here and they are wanting it again so I went down to Burdette and saw Brother Stanfield, the pastor, and we are expecting to get a church here with at least six members. I pray they can get a strong church here which will last until Jesus comes.—Horace Lewis.

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HATTIESBURG, Miss.—We haven't a church house. We use the school auditorium sometimes. A brother set one room of his home aside for the Lord's service during the winter and we with the Lord's help, organized a Sunday School with sixty-six members. Praise the Lord! We desire the prayers of God's children that He will continue to bless us and our every undertaking for Jesus. Pray for us.—A sister, Ada O'Neal.

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HAMILTON, Ohio.—We praise the Lord for the wonderful work He is doing in Hamilton. Immediately after Brother T. C. Messer arrived he started a revival preaching with the power of God and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Twenty-eight were saved, several sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and eighteen added to the church. At the close of the revival the forty cents drive for the general indebtedness was put on and before New Year's night we had gone over the top one hundred per cent. We also have the largest Sunday School in the state. We are holding both state and district banners. We have a wonderful band of young people in Hamilton. Our church is about six years old but it is rising and shining for God and right. We ask the prayers of the saints everywhere for our revival.—Your sister in His service, Bonnie Sowder.

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WICHITA FALLS, Texas.—I thank the dear Lord this morning for His goodness and the way He has blessed here. We came here Nov. 1st., found a good band of saints shouting the victory and a good little Sunday School with

about fifty members. The Lord has wonderfully blessed and we have one hundred twelve enrolled in Sunday School now. We have had twenty to receive the blessed Holy Ghost, a number to get saved and sanctified and have thirty added to the church. Thank God for the Church of God! We surely have a good Y. P. E. We had eighty or ninety present at our last meeting. And our convention which convened Sunday, Feb. 4th., was wonderful. The convention was the best I have ever attended. The young people seemed to be at their best all day. We were truly glad to have our dear overseer and wife with us. We surely thank God for a good overseer in Texas. We ask every one to just continue to pray for Wichita that we will continue to let God have His way for we realize the dear Lord is coming soon and I do want to go in the rapture.—Your humble brother in Christ, Wilma Henry.

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EVARTS, Ky.—Truly we can say the Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. After spending much time in prayer and waiting upon God He has wonderfully blessed us in our efforts. We have recently had a successful revival which started in our regular service by three coming to the altar. Others also began to come to the altar night after night inasmuch that we decided it was the will of God for us to continue a series of meetings which was conducted by the pastor and lasted for almost two weeks with forty-three experiences—seventeen saved, fifteen sanctified, eight received the Holy Ghost and three restored. We baptized sixteen in water and nineteen were added to the church. Many others are looking this way. Seemingly all are encouraged. The saints have taken on new life and a determination to fight the devil. The Sunday School which was averaging about twenty to twenty-five is running as high as one hundred twenty-nine. We request your prayers that God will bless the work at this place.—Yours for lost souls, D. B. Hatfield, pastor.

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CHARLESTON, S. C.—I thank God for victory in my soul. We

have just closed a revival. The Lord sent two of His good servants to our church, Sisters Myrtle Whitehead and Pauline Jackson. Thank the Lord for the wonderful meeting that He gave us. We had one of the best revivals that has ever been in Charleston, S. C. Forty-seven were saved, thirty-four sanctified, twenty-eight filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-seven added to the church. Many precious souls are stirred. Thank God for the The Church of God at Charleston, S. C. I ask all the saints to pray that the young converts who have been added to the church will all make it thru on scheduled time.—Your brother in Christ, J. M. Catterton.

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WHITTENBURG, Tex.—Out here in Borger, Tex., Pa Swint, a band of wonderful saints of God and I are in a fight against sin. Our meeting has been in progress five weeks. We got our district pastor, Brother Milam of Mobee-tie, Tex., a Brother Ruff, Sister Ora May Ruff of Wheeler, Tex., and Sister Fannie Ruff of Mobee-tie to help us, also had Brother Milam's daughter, Sister Hazel, and Sister Milam part of the time. Truly we find them to be our brothers and sisters in Christ. Brother Milam set our church in order for us Sunday, Feb. 18, 1934, with eighteen new members and seven to be transferred. Brother Milam and helpers all left us Saturday morning, Feb. 24th, but our meeting continued.

God has truly blessed our efforts. Brother Swint has organized a children's band which meets each afternoon after school where he teaches the children the Word of God and uplifting things. Pray that God will give us a church all our own. Prospects look favorable and we believe God will make the way. We love our little band and thank our great God for them and His many blessings to us. We need your prayers.—Your brother in Christ, H. W. Pugh.

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We are glad to say we are having some wonderful times at Grasshopper, Tenn., church. All the saints seem to be in close touch with God, shouting the victory. We are expecting a wonderful revival there in the near future. We know there are some hungry hearts there who are thirsting after God. Feb. 18th two

were taken into the church, one man the day before he was sixty-five years old, and he seemed to be very happy because he united himself with the Church. We also have a wonderful band of saints at Earle's Grove, Tenn.,*church. They all have the real old time Holy Ghost. There are many hungry souls who need God. Please pray for these two churches that God will give us wonderful revivals.—Your brother in Christ, Carl Campbell, Pastor, 414 E. Inman St., Cleveland, Tenn. . . .

ANDERSON, S. C.—Just before Christmas Brother J. C. Childress held a revival for us. He preached the Word in its fullness. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Several prayed thru to the Holy Ghost. We believe that seed were sown during that revival that will bear fruit until Jesus comes. We love Brother Johnnie and give him a hearty welcome any time he will come. One week after Christmas Brother S. C. Chambers came along and ran a revival. The Lord blessed. Numbers were saved and prayed thru to the real Holy Ghost. Backsliders were reclaimed and saints made to see themselves just as God sees them. We are getting along fine. We have a real pastor, one who knows how to feed the sheep and lambs. Pray for us when you pray.—Mary Alewine.

JASPER, FLA., DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Jasper district convention convened at West Lake Church of God April 13-15. Our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, was in charge. We started services by singing the good songs of Zion. We began to feel the power and presence of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Our dear Sister O'Bannon rendered good music at the piano. When Brother Phillips had finished giving the welcome address I'm sure every one was feeling at home. Brother Williams gave us a message that night. The Lord surely did bless him in giving out the Word.

Saturday morning we met again to worship the Lord in Spirit and truth. How the joy bells did ring in our souls as the choir began to sing more songs of Zion. The writer conducted a praise service after which Brother R. F. Kirkland brought us a fine message. The Lord surely did anoint him with

power to deliver the Word. Time had arrived for us to have a feast on the good eats as Bro. Kirkland had fed our souls. My! how we did enjoy the d'inner. In the afternoon we enjoyed the singing and listening to Brother and Sister Smith sing and play the guitar. We had ministers' conference, questions and answers, after which Brother Abbott, wife and girl played and sang for us. In the evening service the power began to fall and there was much manifestation of the Sp'rit. Sister O'Bannon brought us a message and we really got a blessing out of the message. Brother Floyd O'Bannon then brought us a message.

Sunday by ten o'clock people had gathered from all over the district, also some visitors from Georgia, some from Olustee and Perry. We were glad to have all the visitors. After singing and prayers we had short talks by the Sunday School Superintendents. It was interesting to know the good that Sunday School does and to see each one boost his Sunday School. Best of all White Springs Sunday School won the Florida state Sunday School banner and was present with the banner. It was estimated we had over six hundred present at this convention. We believe it was the best convention ever held in this district and we have had some fine ones too. Brother Williams brought us a message at eleven o'clock. The Lord surely did use him as a mouthpiece to preach His Word. After being fed on the heavenly manna time came for our bodies to be fed on the good eats. There was plenty for every one. After dinner we had good string music by Brother Kato's string band and Brother Abbott. Time came for report of churches. Some had good reports, others were doing probably all they could to come to the front. We need more co-operation. Sister O'Bannon conducted a praise service. After songs and prayer Brother C. M. Phillips gave us a message. God surely was with us throughout the convention. We desire your prayers at West Lake.—Your sister in Christ Mrs. C. M. Phillips, Jasper, Fla. . . .

GREAT WAS THE CONVENTION AT ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Our district convention convened at N. Asheville, N. C., March 30-April 1. The opening of the con-

vention was good as many were present. Several good speakers were on hand. The welcome address was given by the writer.

The speakers Saturday morning were as follows: Brother L. Atkins and Brother John L. Stephens. Brother Stephens spoke on "The Church's Responsibility." This service was a feast on heavenly manna. In the afternoon Brother Sexton spoke to us. We had a special song by Frank Low after which Brother T. C. Franklin gave a good message. Following this the pastors gave their reports which were encouraging. One good feature was we have gained six new churches in the past year. The evening service was a time of edification as the good singing rang out mixed with messages by Brother J. H. McKinney, Brother H. L. Sorrow, and Brother M. H. Lamb.

Sunday morning—here comes a day of glee as cars, trucks, buses and street cars bring the many folks to the large tabernacle. This was the greatest time we have ever witnessed since our four years of general success in this district. The speakers were Roy David on Sunday School; Dixie (Greenwood) Chambers on The Church of God; Garland Grooms on United Efforts will Bring Results. We had a special song by Gospel Crusaders. D. R. Moreland gave a talk on mission work. We were graced by all of these messages and were indeed glad to have Brother Moreland and party with us. At this time came a feast on the natural things which were spread and enjoyed. The closing service in the afternoon opened with some six hundred present to enjoy the singing of over one hundred in the choir. Brother Carl Cox of South Carolina gave a warm message to the Y. P. E. members which seemed to enthrall our workers. Then came the closing sermon by C. H. Shaw on The Present Need of the Church.

We were glad to have Brother J. M. Snyder and wife, Brother and Sister Reed and daughter all of Kannapolis, Brother and Sister Lindsey from Mooresville, Beatrice Thomas from Florida, Brother and Sister L. Hathcock, Brother T. C. Franklin, and in fact all the visitors whom we may have forgotten to mention. Thus closed the greatest convention we have ever had in the Asheville district.—R. E. Hamilton, district overseer.

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In the Land of the Toltecs and Aztecs

J. H. INGRAM

Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 27, 1934, en route to Guatemala, C. A.

We have just completed the transcontinental journey from Mazatlan on the Pacific, to Vera Cruz on the gulf coast of the Atlantic. The trip required two days and nights, including a nine-hour daylight stopover in Mexico City, during which time I was privileged to visit some places of interest, including the Palacia Nacional and the Cathedral, which is among the finest in the world and said to be the largest in the Western Hemisphere.

MAZATLAN TO MEXICO

Leaving Mazatlan, the ancient seaport town which is built on a rocky promontory jutting far out into the sea, with rocky peaks rising abruptly here and there from the water's edge, which being flower-bedecked and fringed about with towering cocoanut palms, presented a never-to-be-forgotten scene as we sallied forth on the 747 mile trip to Mexico City. As the train climbed the grades we soon left the coastal plain far behind, with its banana plantations, dotted with quaint native straw huts tucked away in the midst of dense tropical vegetation, and as we reached the higher levels bordering the Alpine regions, one could not only notice a difference in the landscape and architecture, but the natives themselves as affects their lineage, occupations, manners, and customs. As we neared the mile-high level many small streams of clear fresh water were to be seen wending their way to the sea, a blessing to mankind en route. This run took us thru what is known as the "Barancas"—a series of deep canyons or gulchers probably caused by soil erosion as the waters rushed down from the mountain gorges higher up. The building of this line is said to be one of the greatest engineering feats of its kind on the continent, if not in the world.

Within a few miles we passed thru more than thirty tunnels and over many bridges both high and long. We could look down thru the car windows from the dizzy heights above and see beautiful green valleys far below gently sloping toward the Pacific.

One town thru which we passed was called "La Quemada" (the burned), a proper name for it since the country had evidently been visited by a terrible volcanic eruption in the past, for the country for miles was literally "burned up," being overstrewn with volcanic rock and ash, with an occasional lava bed. But the natives had bravely met the task of gathering out the rock which they used in constructing walls of stone about their cherished possessions, which presented a checker-board effect as the line fences ran hither and thither up and down the mountain sides and around, thickly dotted with "casitas"—little houses usually with only one room and constructed of rock with gable ends and roofs thatched with straw. An occasional donkey train could be seen zigzagging its way up the mountain sides.

A little farther on we passed the ancient walled city of Tequila with its red-tiled roofs. Here I saw and tasted some of their fine fruits. From there on to Mexico City we passed thru a rich agricultural region. First could be seen thousands of acres of peculiar cactus plants resembling huge pineapples from which an alcoholic drink is made. Long trains of burros (diminutive donkeys) could be seen with big bundles of this "magey" strapped on their backs, while others employed ox carts with crude wooden wheels to transport the raw material to the railway where others were busy loading it into box cars for shipment to the city markets, along with other produce.

From here on we traversed the great Mexican plateau, passing

thru the great city of Guadalajara en route. The houses thru this section were of stone principally, and very large, more like forts than dwellings. Some of them had low towers built with openings thru which they poked their guns in combatting the warring tribes in the distant past. The men in this section wore suits of white linen-like clothing consisting of two loose flowing garments. The pants came only to the knees or were rolled for comfort in hot weather. They wear broad rimmed hats with tiny low crowns, the hats or "sombreros" just sit on top of their heads and are fastened with strings tied around the back of their heads and hanging from their shoulders. They are usually armed with big knives which hang from their belts. They carry big loads on their backs by means of a strap passed around their foreheads and back across their shoulders. They lean forward to make the task easier. The women and girls generally wear dresses with sleeves and "long on both ends." They go wrapped to the eyes in various colored shawls or blankets. The men likewise wear blankets in cool weather. Bobbed hair is not much in style with either sex. Dozens of ox teams could be seen in every direction, pulling crude one-handed implements called plows, some of them just crooked sticks which served the purpose very well, since the soil was rather loose and loamy. The plowman held the one handle of the plow with his right hand and in the left he carried a long bamboo poke with a sharp piece of iron on one end with which he prodded the oxen to keep them in line and check up on their speed. Planting and harvesting is still done largely by hand and we could see them engaged in both, as it was wheat-harvesting time, while other grains were being sown or planted. In the evening it began to rain. The shepherds and cowmen who were herding their flocks and herds, got out their old rain suits made of grass. It presented a novel scene resembling at a distance miniature shocks of hay or grain walking or riding about with hats on. Beautiful home and pastoral scenes in fact were unfolded to view everywhere. Boys were driving up the family milch cows, while the girls went forth with

their water jars upon their shoulders. In the morning women can still be seen grinding the grain to make bread for breakfast, using for the task a hollowed-out stone in which the grain is mashed with a smaller round stone. Of course in the cities it is some different.

MEXICO CITY TODAY

Ciudad De Mexico has over a million inhabitants and is the second largest Spanish speaking city and one of the most beautiful in the world. It is built upon the ruins of the ancient Tenochtitlan, capital of the Aztecs empire, in the beautiful Anahuac valley, at an elevation of 7,343 feet above sea level. Mexico City which is the capital of the republic, has large and beautiful parks and great cultural centers, as well as manufacturing. One of the most complete airports in the world is located there. The city being built largely on filled-in ground displacing the ancient lake site, has been damaged thru settling and earthquake shocks, so the government has set aside several million dollars for tearing down and remodeling work, which is already well underway.

YESTERDAY

In 1325 or 167 years before Columbus discovered North America, there came a tribe of fierce warriors called Aztecs, from the north and settled on three small islands in the midst of a broad lake, the present site of Mexico City, where they built a great city of red stone painted with white paint, which resembled silver. The flat roofs of the buildings were made into beautiful flower gardens. They built great temples for worship and pyramids for human sacrifices. Mactezuma, their king, went about dressed in the blue robes of the high priest of the war god. They conquered the tribes about them, becoming very rich in gold and silver. They had a marketplace in the center of the city where merchants came to sell their wares. Several drawbridges connected the city with the mainland. They were very cruel, sacrificing thousands of their conquered tribesmen, principally young men and maidens, to their gods. They marched them in companies up the steps to the top of the high pyramid where their hearts were cut out by the priests before consigning their bodies to the flames coming up from the pit within. The Aztecs had a premonition of the

coming of Jesus or His messengers, strange as it may seem, and today there can be seen the ancient ruins of Mexico City, a likeness of the holy place or Holies of Holies, described in the Bible. They said that a Mexican white god had gone away and would return some day from the land of the rising sun. This was partly fulfilled in the coming of Cortez. You may also recall that our Indian tribes living along the Mississippi at the time of its discovery by De Soto, hailed him as the "child of the sun," brought their sick to him to be healed, particularly the blind and asked him to dry up the river to convince them further. Truly the "Sun of the morning had risen with healing in His wings," had these poor souls have known it. Should we not be more interested in taking the message of Jesus to the remnant of these vanquished people?

I will make no mention of the Toltecs only to say they were a semi-mythical people of prehistoric origin.

IN VERA CRUZ

The night run from Mexico City to Vera Cruz was made in good time. We passed near the two famous volcanos, Orizoba and Popocatepeti, which I wanted to see very much. The train was crowded, it being Saturday night, but a band of blind musicians entertained us en route and the time passed quickly. Vera Cruz means "true cross." This is where Cortez, the Spanish soldier and explorer, landed and began his march to Mexico to conquer the Aztecs. The Indians had a city built there, with a stone temple. Cortez overcame them after a bloody battle, went in the temple, threw down their idols and put up the cross of Jesus. A bloody battle was fought which lasted about fifteen days, during the capture of the city by United States forces in the war with Mexico. Incidentally the writer was a member of the United States forces during the seizure and occupation of Vera Cruz in April, 1914, and it is of no little interest to be back here after twenty years have passed. Although repairs have been made, there still remains evidence of the bombardment by the fleet proceeding the landing of forces. I am just wondering if it would not be a greater task to take the city for God. All the churches are closed but one and only one priest is al-

lowed to every fifty thousand inhabitants.

Well, I could write a book, I believe, but I must close for I fear I have taken too much space already. We've been on the road four days and nights and been in the following Mexican states en route: Sonora, Sinaloa, Nayarit, Jalisco, Michoacan, Guanajuato, Mexico, Distrito Federal, Queretaro, Puebla, Tlaxalla, Vera Cruz. It requires two days and a night from here to cross the states of Oaxaca and Chiapas to the frontier of Guatemala and then another all-day ride to the interior.

REQUESTS

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place that needed God it is Cambridge. Pray that my husband will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my unsaved parents and two brothers and other loved ones. I am sick in body and am trusting the Lord. Pray that He will heal me if it is His will. Pray that I'll stand true. — Mrs. William Harvey.

I want the Church of God people to pray for my husband. He has stomach trouble and can hardly keep anything on his stomach and vomits blood. There are no Church of God people in our country. We are in a band of holiness people. My husband has the Holy Ghost. Pray a special prayer for his healing for he surely suffers. He says he sees light on the church. — Mrs. Colonel Ball, Rt. 1, Section, Ala.

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A Little Plan

Pastors, how would you like to see the list of subscriptions double by the Assembly? Don't you think it could be done? I do. Say, how would it be for every pastor to appoint a special representative at his local church to get subscriptions and then every one help them that can. In this way I believe we could go over the top. Don't you? Then the one appointed can order samples and sell them or hand them to the people and soon they will want to subscribe. This is the way we do here at Lenoir and by the help of our pastor we have had great success. I thank God for Brother Stallings and I am glad that he ever asked me to take the Evangel, the cream of the crop, a pearl of great price. I humbly solicit the prayers of God's people for our church, Y. P. E., and home. —Yours for Jesus and the Church of God Evangel, Everett A. Harris, Bx. 26, Lenoir, N. C.

Past, Present and Future

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The cry for union by the various federations and the claim that their movements are an answer to the prayer of John 17 sounds very well at first. But it is plain that the proposed union is to be based on the physical brotherhood of man and that it intends to ignore the unity which is obtained by being born again and inheriting eternal life in Christ Jesus. There is a unity among unregenerated men but it is a unity in death. "In Adam all die." 1 Cor. 15:22. There is another unity, a unity in life for those who have been made alive in Christ." In Christ shall all be made alive." 1 Cor. 15:22. It was for this latter unity that Christ prayed and none can share it who have not been made alive by the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost.

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For the preaching of the Gospel of regenerating salvation the united church movements would substitute a program of social betterment. Social betterment is a desirable thing but Christ did not send His ambassadors forth to make speeches on "The Industrial Community," "Proper Housing,"

"Hookworm," "The Conservation of Health," etc. These are the titles of some of the subjects which it is proposed to treat. Everything that better the conditions of life is good but Christ will not have His ministers so absorbed in PRESENT problems that they cease to cry, "Be ye reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:18-20.

There would have been no need for the bettering of social conditions had man not departed from the divine will. The quickest way to assure social justice for ALL is to repent and return to the will of God. Bettering social conditions can add to human comfort for only a few years. The preaching of the Gospel which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," (Rom. 1:16) will better the condition of those who heed eternally.

The program which Jesus gave His ministers and disciples to carry out was to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. He added, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." v. 16.

❖ Sunday School Lesson ❖

LESSON 1

JULY 1

AHIJAH AND THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

TEXT: 1 Kings 11:29-39.—MEMORY VERSE: Eph. 4:32a.

TIME: Toward the close of Solomon's reign, which ended about 931 B. C.

PLACE: Near Jerusalem.

GOLDEN TEXT: Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.—Prov. 16:18.

LEADING THOUGHT: Harsh and unkind words may bring great opportunities to naught.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

AHIJAH THE PROPHET AND JEROBOAM

V. 29. "And it came to pass at that time." That is, while Jeroboam was overseer of Solomon's building operations. "When Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem." It would have been dangerous for both Jeroboam and the prophet had the event which is here narrated occurred in Jerusalem. "That the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way." Ahijah was an Ephraimite, Joshua 16:5. His name means "a brother of Jehovah." He belonged to the teachers and prophets of an important and popular rank which resulted from training received under Samuel. "And he had clad himself with a new garment." An outer garment is here meant (Gen. 11:23; 1 Sam. 21:10) which served at night as a covering, Deut. 22:17. The new garment possibly foreshadowed the new event mentioned in his prophecy as an object lesson. "And they two were alone in the field." It is thought that Jeroboam may have been in search for suitable stone for the wall, or clay for bricks. The manner of the event is however in keeping with the secret anointing of Saul and of David.

V. 30. "And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces." Each piece represented one of the tribes of Israel. The garment was identical in shape, etc., with the camel's hair burnous, or alba, worn by the Arabs at the present day. It was almost square.

THE PROPHET'S MESSAGE

V. 31. "And he said to Jeroboam." Who was no doubt filled with amazement concerning what was about to happen. "Take thee ten pieces." Notice the command to take. We must exercise our privileges and opportunities by helping ourselves if we are to make a success in life. "For thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel." The prophet Ahijah would have been guilty of treason against King Solomon if he had given the message himself, therefore he dared not give out such a prophecy except as he was divinely inspired and impressed. "Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of

Solomon." Solomon had become lax in his administration and had fallen into a low moral before his people and had gone after many strange women only to be rejected by Jehovah from reigning over His people. "And will give ten tribes to thee." Ahijah and Jeroboam came from the same tribe. But that the message was from Jehovah is evident in the accomplishment of the task which followed in the establishment of Jeroboam over the ten tribes. Why Jehovah chose a leader that later was the ruin of His people we cannot understand except that He trusted that his future conduct would be as his former energetic and faithful service of valor.

V. 32. "But he shall have one tribe." The southern kingdom included two tribes—Judea and the small tribe of Benjamin located north of it. These two tribes were so closely united that they were reckoned as one tribe. "For my servant David's sake." In harmony with Jehovah's promise through Nathan the prophet, 2 Sam. 7:12, 17. Though Jehovah found it necessary to chastise Solomon and David's seed, He still remembered His covenant. "And for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel." Jerusalem was the religious center and national capital. It was therefore necessary that it be preserved for the spiritual welfare of God's chosen.

JEHOVAH'S COMPLAINT

V. 33. "Because that they have forsaken me." Israel had perhaps been led astray through the carelessness and weakness of Solomon and had begun to turn their thoughts and worship toward idol gods. "And have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians." Ashtoreth was the moon goddess of Tyre and Sidon whom Solomon is said to have married. "Chemosh the god of the Moabites." The Moabites lived east of the Dead Sea and were called by the prophet Jeremiah "the people of Chemosh." Chemosh was the sun god, also possibly a war god whose worship was connected with bloody rites and sacrifices. "And Milcom the god of the children of Ammon." The children of Ammon lived east of the Jordan and worshipped Milcom, also called Molech or Moloch, named for Baal. To

this god they offered human sacrifices in their worship and burnt their children in the fire by placing them in the arms of a red hot idol against whom the children of Israel were warned. "And have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes." The idolatry of the heathen and neighbor tribes and lack of proper discipline through Solomon had allowed Israel to transgress and stray from God's laws as given through Moses the servant of the Lord. "And to keep my statutes and my judgment, as did David his father." The first commandment forbids idolatry, Ex. 20:4. Along with Jehovah's worship must His statutes and judgments be kept. To allow idol worship was to destroy the authority and power of His statutes and judgments. Solomon and David had a record of these which have likewise continued down to us. And our fate and judgments will be inevitably the same if we fail to keep them.

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

V. 34. "Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand." That is, out of Solomon's hand. The kingdom remained intact until the days of his son and successor Rehoboam who lost the greater part of it. "But I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose." Here we have a lesson from God's patience in dealing with subjects designed for judgment. We also have a lesson in Jeroboam who had been waiting patiently for the fulfillment of the promise made by Ahijah. From these we should learn to not be hasty or unmerciful in judgment, nor impatient in waiting the time of God's opportunity and appointment. "Because he kept my commandments and my statutes." Only one sin was found in David's life for which he greatly lamented repentantly. It is thought that Psalm 51 describes his prayer and repentance at the time of his sin. And God forgave him and pledges to keep his covenant with him and his seed.

V. 35. "But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand." Solomon was saved from misfortune and loss of his kingdom for David's sake. However Rehoboam reaped the fruits of the sin of his father which was also equally due on his own account because he adopted evil and cruel ways manifested in the later years of his father. "And will give it unto thee, even ten tribes." Jeroboam was now exalted to the kingship over ten tribes which should have caused him to use great care and safeguard his steps as well as the peace and prosperity of his people, but alas! he departed from the Lord and his sins found him out.

V. 36. "And unto his son will I give one tribe." That is, Judea and the associated tribe of Benjamin. "That David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem." For the "perpetual lamp" see 1 Kings 15:4; 2 Kings 8:19; 2 Chron. 21:7; Psa. 32:17; 2 Sam. 21:17. "The city which I have chosen me to put

my name there." Jerusalem though captured in wars as many as twenty-seven times, passing from the hand of one nation to another, is still recognized as God's city, the home of the Jews and where David's greater son shall eventually rule.

V. 37. "And I will take thee." In the language here used we may acknowledge the sovereign right of God to take our lives and dispose of them for His own glory and as He will. "And thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel." As to whether Jeroboam at this time desired the kingdom of Israel and was therefore in rebellion against Solomon is not actually known. "According to all that thy soul desireth" may refer to the liberty of his future reign. It is sad that Jehovah did not restrain his desires if he himself was not able to do so.

JEHOVAH DISCIPLINES JEROBOAM

V. 38. "And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee." If we are to obey God and do His will we must learn to hear His voice. "And wilt walk in my ways." The path of life leads home to God when traveled aright. We find that path by obeying His commands. "And do that is right in my sight." It was customary in the time of the Judges that the people did that which

was right in their own eyes. This is decidedly true of Solomon, Jeroboam and Rehoboam. Be it noted that the man God desires to use He demands the right of him to not only walk in His ways but to do that which is right before His eyes. Leadership over God's people is but rendering a service unto the Lord which God had a right to outline in detail. "To keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did." The keynote of the Bible is obedience. "To obey is better than sacrifice." If God must keep covenant with us we must obey Him. "That I will be with thee and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee." All the blessings we need whether wisdom, honor or riches are included in the presence of Jehovah. Jeroboam's house could have been sure like that of David and the kingdom of Israel could have been permanent through obedience to Jehovah.

V. 39. "And I will for this afflict the seed of David." That is, for the evil that Solomon had done, also a possible reference to the future evil of Jeroboam. "But not for ever." God will not forget His word of promise though He afflicted His people for their sins and that of their rulers. He made good His covenant in the promised seed of Abraham which was Jesus Christ.

burning with a passionate desire for the glory of God? Men and women may do and say what they please but as for you, when it comes to God's glory and honor, nothing will stop you.

Now notice that after he got through marking, judgment was to follow. God had borne with His people and had showed forth His mercy for a long time, but instead of listening, instead of repenting, they sank lower and lower, and forgot God and degraded the people. Now God says, "Do not spare them." Do you know that we are living in a day when men and women do not believe in hell? They say that our God is a God of love and that He will provide some way, and will make provisions for all men to be saved; and some believe that eventually the devil will be saved. And we who have the goods, the real thing burning in our souls, will indefinitely let them go along with this thought but here God says, "Slay them that have not the mark in their foreheads." Yes, slay them.

It is a sad thing to read your Bibles and then turn away from its truths and not obey them, and let God have His way in your hearts. Unless the sinner repents he will never have God's mark in his forehead. It takes repentance, yet some will only go part of the way, make certain restitutions and some will make certain confessions, but they will not go all the way and some will turn back before they get very far.

If we ever have a successful old-time revival we will have to weep much at an altar of prayer, and before we can do this we will have to have the mark, for without God we can do nothing.

Measure Up

God cannot spare sin. The great trouble with so many Holiness people of today is that we are letting down our standard and the first thing you know instead of lifting up the standard high and holding it there where God has placed it, our sympathy will reach out to kindred and near friends, until God gets grieved at our wicked ways, beyond where His mercy extends, and unless we repent God will withdraw from us.

The standard is being lowered by fleshly manifestations, bringing false messages, putting on shouts and false discernments, trying to make people think that they are

"Go Through and Mark"

By Mrs. Roy Marcum

GO THRU AND MARK (Con.)

OUR NEED

Mark the ones that weep and sigh. The weeping men and women are the ones that love God, His cause, and His people. Oh, that is what we need more of in the Church of God today. If we only had more women and men to weep for the glory of God, how much better would the Church move along.

"Mark the ones that sigh and cry." I am wondering who has the mark this afternoon. You say, "I surely thought she would say something else." Do you mean to tell me that God commanded that only those that sigh and cry be marked? Yes sir, I mean just that. He said mark them right out where everybody can see them, put a specific "mark on their foreheads." I know that there are folks who do not believe in being marked prominently. "Folks would make fun of me, I would lose my job, as I would go down town shopping every one would make fun of me. I would be a speckled bird, possibly I would get on a

street car and sit down by a colored woman, and people would think that we belonged to the same church or crowd, because she would have the same mark."

Mark him in the forehead. Oh, I wonder how many love Jesus, and how many are ashamed of Him. Would it not be a good test to have that mark so prominent, right in the middle of our foreheads, that everybody would know where we belong? It would be a good test of our salvation. How many are ashamed to be associated with those who sigh and cry, who weep and cry for the desolation of God's house? He will know if you are concerned about the things that interest Him.

You cannot pray, "Thy kingdom come," unless you have a zeal for God; and why pray this unless you are doing your best to advance His kingdom?

The Question

Have you this mark? Ask yourself this question, and if not, are you desiring to be marked? What are you living for? What is it that stirs your heart so your heart is

wonderful for the Lord, and we notice where these things are manifested there is coldness, and trouble in the church, and every evil work. It's a shame that men and women will fool around and backslide and then bring reproach on the rest by hypocritizing along when everybody knows what they are. The world knows that you have hatred and malice and envy in your heart. You ought to know that God can't work over such. It would be utterly impossible for the Holy Ghost to manifest Himself in such beings. And if they could only get their eyes open to the fact that they are driving hungry souls away from God instead of, as God intended, drawing them, surely they would quit such foolishness.

Judgment Executed

Near the close of the Book of Revelation we find judgment falls on the wicked and the ungodly. God's mercy had been so extended and so rejected that at last He calls for judgment, and He said "Slay them." If we could only get the meaning of those two words! Oh, the sadness, oh, the heart-breaking agony, the agony of eternity! The angels went through the city and slew them that had not the mark on their foreheads.

Let me ask you this, my friend, Do you have the mark of God, which is the indwelling of the Holy Ghost? Are you truly saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire? Have you the burden of God's cause on your heart? and for the lost and dying? Are you saying, "Yes I have the mark," even though you are so worldly we can't tell you from the world, in dress and behavior, and will say cutting things about your fellowwomen, and say many things that you should not say? "I believe I have the mark even tho my life does not measure up to God's standard. I confess I am afraid I do not acknowledge God when I should, but I believe I have the mark though I deny Him occasionally." Christians and friends, the mark of God is that standard that He is going to require, and unless you have that mark, the judgment day will be an awful day for you.

I am so afraid that many who profess to have all the blessings of God will find that they will be short in that day of God's wrath, by awaking to the fact they have

not the law of God's truth in their innermost beings, for they are too much taken up with temporal things, and worry about what they shall eat and what they shall drink, and where will our next clothing come from?

Pray, pray, then pray for the mark, then for the ministry, then the laity, pray for a world-wide revival, that will cut hearts and will help us see where we stand. Pray until we can get to where we can sigh and cry, where we can get broken up for God and the cause, and do not let God say unto you as He said unto the angel, "SLAY THEM?" God's mercy is still extended to you, His grace is still yours for the asking.

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MARYLAND, DELAWARE, AND DIST. OF COLUMBIA CONVENTION

On Wednesday, the ninth of May, In a little Maryland town, The state convention opened And the glory of God came down.

Brother Milligan gave the welcome Which made the people feel at home, Made them feel they were welcome to the town of Easton, Made them glad that they had come.

Brother Latimer, the General Overseer, was with us The quartet from Bible School was with us too, With many ministers of the Gospel, Best of all the Holy Ghost was there too.

At ten-fifteen on Thursday morning Brother Langford gave out a message on "Prayer," Then Brother Latimer gave "Advice to the Ministry," I am sure the Holy Ghost was near.

Two o'clock on Thursday evening Did bring more blessings from above With songs and prayers and special singing, And Brother Abbott did preach God's Word.

Then again that night in service For God's children good things in store,

Brother Latimer brought the even-

ing message

And the quartet also sang some more.

Bible study with Brother Walker On Friday morning the first thing found,

Then, a sermon by Brother Latimer, God's Holy presence hovering around.

The two speakers for Friday evening Were Sister Waldron and Sister Cooke, They both d'd preach good messages From God's Holy Sacred Book.

That night there was a Bible School program, Brother Walker gave out God's Holy word, Then there was good old time shouting And the sweet presence of the Lord.

Then again on Saturday morning More special songs by the quartet given, Then Sister Goude did preach God's Word; Some services were almost next to Heaven.

That evening came the call of churches From the different places of the state, And also there was special singing By the Bible School Quartet.

That night with more good songs and music And the sweet presence of the Lord,

Brother Walker brought the evening message From God's Holy Sacred Word.

Sunday morning brought more singing, On the "Orphanage," Sister Mullikin gave a talk, Then Brother Latimer preached on "Sanctification" Which showed the people how to walk.

That evening Brother Waldron preached a good sermon And so did Brother Fred Marine, He talked about the dear old "Church of God"

If you stay in this Church, you must stay clean.

Brother Brinsfield and Brother